

Special Meeting

August 9, 2001
1:30 p.m.

A special meeting of the Municipal Civil Service Commission convened on Thursday, August 9, 2001, with Priscilla R. Tyson and Grady L. Pettigrew present.

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RE: *Review of the results of a pre-hearing conference held on Monday, July 30, 2001, for:*

1. Jeff Wentworth vs. City of Columbus, Appeal No. 01-CA-0009. Firefighter – Discharge - CSC hearing scheduled for August 27, 2001.

PRESENT: Brenda Sobieck, Personnel Administrative Officer

Ms. Sobieck appeared before the Commissioners and reported on the results of a pre-hearing conference conducted on July 27, 2001.

Jeff Wentworth – Mr. Wentworth's attorney, Dan Smith, provided a pre-hearing statement on this mitigation appeal. Mr. Smith estimates his case to last approximately two hours and he plans on calling eleven witnesses, six of which would be character witnesses. Commission President Tyson said that the Commissioners might not hear every character witnesses but Mr. Smith is entitled to have them present. Alan Varhus, Assistant City Attorney, indicated he plans on calling four witnesses and that his case should be less than one hour. It was agreed by both attorneys that this hearing should be completed in one afternoon.

2. Francisca Figueroa-Jackson vs. City of Columbus, Appeal No. 01-CA-0010. Firefighter – Recommendation for a 240-Hour Suspension. CSC hearing scheduled for September 24, 2001.

PRESENT: Theresa Lynn Carter, Deputy Executive Director,

Ms. Carter appeared before the Commissioners and reported on the results of a pre-hearing conference conducted on August 7, 2001.

Francisca Figueroa-Jackson – Ms. Figueroa-Jackson attended today's pre-hearing conference and advised she would represent herself at her September 24, 2001 hearing. She estimated her case should take less than one hour and that she anticipates calling only one witness. Assistant City Attorney, Michael Matuska, appeared at the originally scheduled July 30, 2001, pre-hearing conference and submitted a pre-hearing statement listing each of his six witnesses and outlined what he expects each witnesses' testimony to be. Mr. Matuska estimates his case to take two to three hours. Both parties agreed that this hearing should be completed in one afternoon.

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Re: *Residency Hearing Review:*
Stacey O. Stewart, Sewer Service Worker (Emergency).

PRESENT: Brenda Sobieck, Personnel Administrative Officer

Ms. Sobieck appeared before the Commissioners as well as Mr. Stewart and Doug Moore, AFSCME President. Ms. Sobieck explained that this review was deferred at the July 30, 2001, regular meeting in order to allow Mr. Stewart more time to provide two additional documents as proof of his residency. Mr. Stewart did provide copies of his year 2000 federal, state and local income tax forms. After reviewing these forms, Commission President Tyson advised Mr. Stewart that the Commissioners' would review his complete file, including the additional information provided today, and advise him in writing of their decision.

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The Commission adjourned today's special meeting at 1:50 p.m.

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Priscilla R. Tyson, Commission President

August 27, 2001
Date